

1 Mt Victoria Tunnel Upgrade **Stage 2 begins**



Mt Victoria Tunnel on State Highway 1 is a vital link in the Wellington region's transport network and is being upgraded to ensure it continues to operate effectively. It is appropriate to make these changes now given the tunnel's age and the advancements made in tunnel engineering since it was built more than 80 years ago.

This upgrade is the second of three planned and will run from late April 2015 to mid-2016. Work in the tunnel will be done overnight from Sundays to Thursdays to minimise the impact on traffic and every effort will be made to ensure construction noise is kept to a minimum. Traffic will be diverted through Newtown and a shuttle or escort through the tunnel will be provided for pedestrians and cyclists.

Memorial Park Alliance is conducting the upgrade on behalf of the NZ Transport Agency.

Changes to benefit all tunnel users

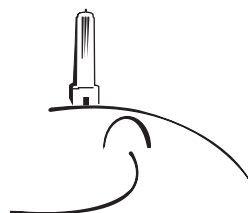
- Mechanical ventilation – replacing outdated fans
- Lighting replacement – brighter, more efficient LED lights
- Pedestrian walkway strengthening
- Entrance exterior slope strengthening and concrete maintenance
- Wall panels – replacing outdated panels
- Emergency communications system
- Control room refurbishment

Background

Mt Victoria Tunnel opened in 1931, connecting Hataitai and the eastern suburbs with inner city Wellington. It is 623 metres long and has two lanes, one in each direction. More than 45,000 cars per day travel through the tunnel and share the space with pedestrians and cyclists who use an elevated walkway along the northern wall.

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